

1-1 By: Garcia S.B. No. 2100
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 28, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &
 1-4 Economic Development; April 12, 2017, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study of the fees charged by the Railroad Commission
 1-22 of Texas.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the
 1-25 Railroad Commission of Texas.

1-26 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The commission shall conduct a
 1-27 study to evaluate the ability of the commission to fund its
 1-28 operations using fees.

1-29 (b) In conducting the study under Subsection (a) of this
 1-30 section, the commission shall:

1-31 (1) identify and evaluate the fees charged by the
 1-32 commission;

1-33 (2) identify and evaluate the costs to the commission
 1-34 associated with the administration of permits and other programs
 1-35 for which the commission charges fees;

1-36 (3) recommend any appropriate changes to the fee
 1-37 structure of the commission so that fees charged by the commission
 1-38 are sufficient to fund the administration of the program the fees
 1-39 are associated with; and

1-40 (4) evaluate the effects of any changes recommended
 1-41 under Subdivision (3) of this subsection on the budget of the
 1-42 commission.

1-43 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2018, the
 1-44 commission shall submit to the legislature a written report
 1-45 containing the findings of the study conducted under this Act and
 1-46 the commission's recommendations for any legislation resulting
 1-47 from the study.

1-48 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2019.

1-49 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
 1-50 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
 1-51 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
 1-52 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
 1-53 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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